



Valley artists to paint murals in Capitol

From staff reports

Two Cache Valley artists will paint four murals later this year in the renovated Utah State Capitol Building.

Keith Bond of River Heights will paint two murals in the Senate chamber and David Koch of Richmond will paint two murals in the House of Representatives chamber.

Bond will paint one mural of the deserts and canyons of Southern Utah while the other mural will depict fruit orchards and the snow-capped mountains of Northern Utah.

"Utah is so inspiring in her landscape," Bond said. "There is a tremendous amount of beauty and variety. I feel honored to be able to paint murals of the place I love for our great State Capitol Building."

Koch, who is known for his historical paintings, said he enjoys the process of recreating a historical scene from research to costuming.

"The historical paintings seem to come to life as I paint them," Koch said. "It gives me a feeling that I am experiencing the event. I hope the viewer will also have the same experience."

Both Bond and Koch said it's an honor for them to be selected to paint the murals.

The debut of the murals will be in November when the Utah State Capitol Building will unveil its complete restoration. The murals will be unveiled during a public open house celebrating the completion of the project.